

To the Honourable the General Assembly  
of the State of North Carolina

The Petitioner of Elizabeth Ware  
Humbly Complaining sheweth unto  
Your Honourable body that your Petitioner  
or hath been a Resident of the County  
of Guilford for fourteen years last past  
That in the year 1814 she was married  
with one John Ware with whom she  
lived in great harmony about four  
years - That her said husband towards  
the latter part of the time last aforesaid  
abandoned himself to drinking & Gambling  
and in a short time incurred debts  
which he was unable to pay & finally  
about the first of the year 1822 left  
the State of North Carolina and  
has not since returned - Your Petitioner  
has not received a letter from  
him for more than three years  
past, and she believes that her husband  
has no intention of ever returning  
to his family - - Your Petitioner  
has been informed from a source  
entitled to the fullest Credit that her  
husband was lately residing in the  
State of Alabama, that he has become  
a confirmed sot & Gambler & abandoned  
himself to every species of Vice - -  
Your Petitioner is wholly without property